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RESPONSE TO REPLY BRIEF

Response to Arguments

Appellant's arguments filed 30 January 2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Appellant argues that Kolpasky clearly teaches eliminating the chassis and diaphragms with new technology of flat panel distributed mode loudspeakers (DML). Appellant further disagrees that feature (22) of Kolpasky is a diaphragm. In column 1, lines 40-44, Kolpasky clearly states that "the diaphragm or panel of a DML vibrates in a complex pattern over its entire surface." In the Figs. 1 and 2, and the description to follow Kolpasky clearly defines the panel as feature 22. Kolpasky clearly calls the panel (22) a diaphragm (column 1, lines 40-44), so he is in no way teaching away from a diaphragm. It is clear that feature (14) is a chassis (Fig. 2).

Barnes teaches a conventional vehicle door with an audio speaker (column 1, lines 19-21). Traditional audio speakers inherently comprise diaphragms. In Figs. 2 and 3, Barnes clearly shows where the light source (18) is housed. The light source (18) is housed within the speaker grille face (12), which is outside of a diaphragm of a traditional audio speaker. Further being "in the path of sound" does not necessarily make the light source "not outside the diaphragm." Traditional speakers have grilles disposed above their diaphragms and being above a diaphragm is still outside of the diaphragm.


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William J. Carter whose telephone number is (571)272-0959. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

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